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In re Application of:
TERUYOSHI WASHIZAWA

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ERRONEOUS ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Abandonment advising that the above-identified application has been abandoned for failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice Of Allowability (PTOL-37) that accompanied the Notice Of Allowance dated June 16, 2003.

Enclosed are copies of a Letter Transmitting Formal Drawings, addressed to
Mail Stop PGPUB Drawings, and the accompanying nine (9) sheets of drawings. The
Letter bears a stamp indicating that the Office of Patent Publication Director's Office

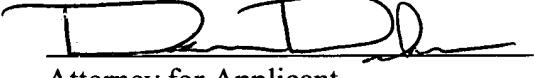
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received the Letter and drawings on August 13, 2003. Accordingly, the drawings were timely filed prior to payment of the issue fee, which was paid on September 12, 2003.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the abandonment of the subject application is erroneous, and therefore withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, a copy of which is enclosed, is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

- Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
- A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____ which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- A reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below).
- No reply has been received.
- Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) (or Notice of Publication Fee Due).
- The submitted fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due.
The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ _____.
- The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.
- Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).
 Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- No corrected drawings have been received.
- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.
- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.
- The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- The reason(s) below:
Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.